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SUBJ: ARCHAEOLOGISTS VISIT

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1. CARNEGIE MUSEUM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR SWAUGER AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSOR IN SOUTH SEMETIC LANGUAGES AND HISTORY FATHER JAMME HAVE OBTAINED OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM YAR ANTIQUITIES DIRECTOR. THEY PLAN ARRIVE SANAA MARCH 10 FROM JIDDA.

2. SWAUGER PLANS SPEND ABOUT 10 DAYS IN YAR DISCUSSING MUSEUM ASSISTANCE AND POSSIBLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS. HE AWARE WORK DR. COSTA. HE TERMS HIS VISIT PURELY EXPLORATORY, TO FIND OUT WHAT CARNEGIE MIGHT USEFULLY DO, NOT TO COMPETE WITH EXISTING WORK.

3. JAMME, BELGIAN, WHO LAST VISITED YEMEN IN MID-60'S, PLANS SPEND 6 WEEKS TO 4 MONTHS, DEPENDING ON WHETHER GRANT FROM CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS BANK COMES THROUGH. HE FEELS ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND EPIGRAMMATIC WORK IN PAST HAS FOCUSSED TOO MUCH ON NORTH AND EAST OF YEMEN. HE PLANS WORK ONLY TO SOUTH OF SANAA. HIS FIELD PURELY RECORDING AND TRANSLATING OF INSCRIPTIONS.

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4. SWAUGER SAID THAT WHILE HE AND JAMME HAD BEEN ON WENDELL PHILLIPS 1951 EXPEDITION, THEY HAD NO INTEREST IN MARIB. SWAUGER SAID HE STILL IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PHILLIPS, BUT THAT PHILLIPS NOW IN HOSPITAL RECOVERING FROM SEVERE HEART ATTACK AND HAS NO PLANS FOR EXPEDITION TO YEMEN.

5. SWAUGER WILL CALL AT EMBASSY SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL.

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